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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 20-21 were cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 23 was amended as follows:

The word ---synthase--- was inserted after the final occurrence of the phrase "hyaluronic acid" in line 8 of the claim.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with King Wong on 03/20/2009.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brent Page whose telephone number is (571)-272-5914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached on (571)-272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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